



Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church

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## “Reconciled In Christ”

1 Corinthians 1:13 “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility.”

I’m in a couple of Facebook groups for our church body. One is for pastors and the other is for other Lutherans, both lay and clergy. These groups are generally fruitful as they offer encouragement to each other, but in recent weeks, there have been two issues that have created consternation.

The first issue was over the safety precautions for reopening “In-Person” worship services. There were arguments about how communion should be done, if masks should be required, and how to worship together at a safe distance. The discussion quickly became screaming matches.

The second issue was over racial reconciliation within our church body. Unfortunately, name calling and slander took over the comment section.

I don’t want to get too deep into any one of these topics for this article. These are examples of hot button issues that are being brought to the forefront of our national conversations. On the one hand, it’s good for us to be having these dialogues as these are issues every community in America is facing. We should use this time to learn from others, find where we have sinned, then repent of that sin and extend forgiveness to those who sin against us.

On the other hand, it shows that Americans are divided in more ways that we might want to admit. Group identities have taken over in the recent decades. We are divided as Republicans and Democrats, Blacks and Whites, Men and Women, Gay and Straights, Cisgender and Transgender, Rich and Poor, Old and Young, and on and on.

The early church was also in a context of sharp divides in groups. There were Jews and Gentiles, Slaves and Free, Romans and Barbarians. Yet the early church also understood that this is not the case for Christ’s Church. Jesus has destroyed the wall that is dividing us. There is now no longer a wall of hostility toward different groups, but through Christ, we all have reconciliation with God and with each other.

What beautiful words! Our world needs to hear this. Not so there can be one more group or faction to see, but to know that Christ has brought us reconciliation! The ways of the world divide us into our tribal groups and then fight over power. But not in Christ’s Kingdom! The Kingdom of Heaven brings all people, no matter their age, sex, race, or socio-economic status. Jesus has already brought the dividing walls down and in heaven, we will worship all together!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor David Edge

**CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY**

# Board of Lay Ministry Meeting

minutes- pending approval

June 18, 2020

BOLM members present via Zoom meeting: Sarah Anderson, Kyle Hackett, Bev Gerads, Keith Peterson, Pastor David Edge, Dave Perleberg, Curt Kvamme, Wayne Peterson, Deb Erdman Absent: Wayne Anderson

Meeting was called to order by at 7:06 pm and opened with prayer. The mission statement was read by Kyle.

Treasurer's Report – May income was \$21,929.69 and expenses were \$19,149.03. Sarah made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Deb seconded. Motion carried.

Properties – Keith reported the lawn service has started the sprinkler system. The committee hasn't met yet to plan upcoming projects. Pastor will look into why the speaker on the outside of the church isn't working. The louver on the roof cupola needs replacing and Keith and Dave plan to do the repair soon. The windows next to the altar are in need of adjustment to ensure they close correctly.

Secretary's Report – Deb made a motion to accept the Secretary's reports as written, seconded by Dave. Motion carried.

Pastoral Activity Report – Pastor David reported on his activities in the month of May including starting to meet in person for church services.

## Old Business

Policy Binders – This topic was tabled to our next in person meeting.

Early Communion & Confirmation Dates – Late October is suggested.

VBS – The supplies we purchased this year will be used in 2021.

New Members – Pastor David will be meeting with new families when he returns from vacation in July.

Marriage Night (Right Now Media) – tabled to next meeting.

Al-Anon and AA – These groups want to start meeting in person when able. The BOLM discussed outside groups using the facility. Pastor David will follow up to ensure they are aware of our protocols.

## New Business

Worship Shepherd Schedule was reviewed through August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Next BOLM meeting will be on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm with praise and prayer at 6:30pm God willing.

Church Survey – Pastor David reviewed the results of the survey he put out to the congregation.

COVID-19 update - Deb made a motion to change the COVID-19 protocols to highly recommending face masks instead of mandatory face masks, Sarah seconded. Motion carried.

Cell Phone – Pastor David asked if he could add a medically necessary device to his cell phone plan and reimburse the church for it. The BOLM agreed that he should do this.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dave, seconded by Deb. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm. Meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Anderson, BOLM Secretary

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## Education / Small Group Team

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July to all!

May the presence of the Lord be filling your summer days! Looking forward to if and when we can start planning for resuming activities with the children. Until then, keep watching for updates! Happy summer to all!

Brenda Hackett  
Small Group / Edu. Team Leader

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## Worship Team

Wishing all of you a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

The worship area of ministry has been hard to navigate over the last few months as I am sure you all know. We are still not sure what normal looks like, and we are continuing to make changes. With the 9:00 service through the summer for sure, we are planning to have live musicians back in church beginning July 19<sup>th</sup>, as of now we will continue to utilize readers, greeters, worship leaders and projectionists. Because the schedule was made out for 2 services, we have not sent anything out because we have not had church in the beginning. The past few weeks we searched for volunteers who were comfortable with the protocol which has been changed since the 19<sup>th</sup>, and now we are back to searching. Watch your email because we will send out the 2 service schedule for July and August. IF you are able and willing to help, PLEASE contact the church office at 393-4295 or myself at 393-4531. We will try to keep you informed as changes occur. Please pray that we are able to continue to move toward normal as this situation changes.

Worship leader  
Keith Hackett

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JULY		SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
07/05/20 (Holiday)	9:00am						
		Keith & Kathy Craft	Sarah Anderson	Garry Loidolt	Bruce & Sandie Resch	Dennis Arntson (4th of July Weekend)	
07/12/20	9:00am	Kevin & Janet Maleska	Keith Hackett	Dennis Arntson	Keith & Brenda Hackett Keith & Kathy Craft	Pastor David	
07/19/20	9:00am	Scott & Peg Manea	Cal Ollman	Celeste Ollman	Brad & Holly Jasmer Tom & Jen Ollman	Steve Ree	
07/26/20	9:00am	Garry & Bonnie Loidolt	Levi Brenny	Ruth Brucher	Evie Kirchner & Lilyana Gerjets Travis & Marlys Lenarz	Pastor David	
AUGUST		SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
08/02/20	9:00am	Shelley Pintok	Ian Cairns	Janet Maleska	Kevin & Janet Maleska Wayne & Colleen Peterson	-	
08/09/20	9:00am	Travis & Marlys Lenarz	Sarah Anderson	Pastor David	Ron & Barb McKeever Bruce & Sandie Resch	Pastor David	
08/16/20	9:00am	Bruce & Sandie Resch	Dennis Arntson	Roxann Ree	Bonnie Gottwalt & Charyl Walberg Keith & Kathy Craft	Steve Ree	
08/23/20	9:00am	Keith & Kathy Craft	Cal Ollman	Lois Perleberg	Steve & Roxann Ree Tom & Jen Ollman	Dennis Arntson	
08/30/20	9:00am	Jeff & Joan Ramey	Denise Leahy	Peg Manea	Brad & Holly Jasmer Bruce & Sandie Resch	Pastor David	

# May's Church Income Statement

Date	May	Year-to-
Contributions	\$21,930	\$97,007
Expenses	(\$19,149)	(\$98,084)
Excess/(Shortfall)	\$2,781	(\$1,077)

## We Need Volunteers

Join us as Shepherd of the Pines Serves a Meal at Place of Hope!!

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month

1:30pm-6:00pm

(We will serve on July 11<sup>th</sup>)

This is a servant opportunity that is sure to fill you up in many ways. A great opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus! Cooking begins at 1:30, circle prayer at 4:30, and serving at 4:45. You can choose to work the whole time or simply pick the first or second half of the timeframe. If interested, please contact Sandie Resch at 360-4563. Please prayerfully consider.

JULY BIRTHDAYS					
Janice	Klinker	July 01	Keith	Peterson	July 14
Kyle	Billmeyer	July 02	Brent	Betker	July 15
Ruth	Brutcher	July 02	Ian	Cairns	July 15
Logan	Hackett	July 02	Isabelle	Cairns	July 15
Marjorie	Oltz	July 03	Tana	Dirks	July 15
Willi	Staerk	July 03	Jeremy (JJ)	Manea	July 15
Alex	Blommer	July 04	Barbara	Zapzalka	July 15
Christine	Blommer Gertken	July 04	Cecilia	Robinson	July 15
Linda	Grainger	July 05	Awbrilynne	Manea	July 16
Jan	Johnson	July 06	Annette	Elliott	July 18
Ardelle	Amundson	July 07	Jeanie	Schroeder	July 21
Drake	Cole	July 07	Aaron	Betker	July 23
Summer	Hagensick	July 10	Don	Klinker	July 23
Colleen	Woods	July 11	Kelly	Merten	July 26
Tammy	Billmeyer	July 12	Nancy	Anderson	July 28
			Donovan	Elyea	July 28

JULY ANNIVERSARIES		
Fred & LuAnn	Legatt	July 03
Bruce & Sandie	Resch	July 07
Troy & Ann	Hovland	July 10
Doug & Kris	Foss	July 11
David & Connie	Efraimson	July 12
Amos & Heather	Ostendorf	July 14
David & Jillian	Edge	July 18
Keith & Evelyn	Kirchner	July 18
Kevin & Janet	Maleska	July 18
Don & Lori	Dubbin	July 22
Don & Bonnie	Gottwalt	July 24
Michael & Kayla	Plumski	July 24
Drew & Jessica	Efraimson	July 27



QUILTING!  
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We will not be quilting in July as of right now, we will keep you posted with any changes. Contact Ardelle with any questions at 656-5858.



JULY  
NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**, for the **Central MN Sexual Assault Center**.

Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

Rice Area  
Food Shelf

July Distribution is  
Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>  
from 3:00-5:30pm

## Worship Shepherds

July 5 Deb Erdmann  
 July 12 Kyle Hackett  
 July 19 Wayne Peterson  
 July 26 Dave Perleberg



Fellowship Hour will be postponed until further notice.

July 5 9AM Garry Loidolt  
 July 12 9AM Dennis Arntson  
 July 19 9AM Celeste Ollman  
 July 26 9AM Ruth Brucher



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 July 19 9AM Scott & Peg Manea  
 July 28 9AM Garry & Bonnie Loidolt



Musicians  
 July 5 Lyric Music  
 July 12 Lyric Music  
 July 19 **Volunteers Needed**  
 July 26 **Volunteers Needed**

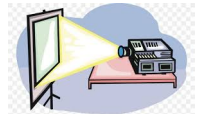


JULY  
 Milton Popp, Barb McKeever, &  
 Colleen Peterson



## PROJECTIONISTS

July 5 9AM Sarah Anderson  
 July 12 9AM Keith Hackett  
 July 19 9AM Cal Ollman  
 July 26 9AM Levi Brenny



We have been praying for our church families each week as we go through our church directory from A to Z. As you go about your daily tasks lift a prayer for the family of the week as the Lord brings them to mind. **In July we will be praying for:**

July 5- Randy & Donna Klaphake  
 July 12 - Don & Jan Klinker  
 July 19 - Bruce & Lora Knafla  
 July 26 - David & Sandi Koep



ALTAR GUILD

## JULY

Sandie Resch, Nancy Anderson,  
 Joan Ramey

July 5 - Zechariah 9:9-12  
 Romans 7:14-25  
 Matthew 11:25-30

July 12 - Psalm 97:1-12  
 Romans 3:21-26  
 Matthew 6:24

July 19 - Genesis 1:26-28  
 Colossians 1:15-20  
 John 8:48-59

July 26 - Job 19:21-27  
 Revelation 21:1-5, 10  
 John 11:17-27

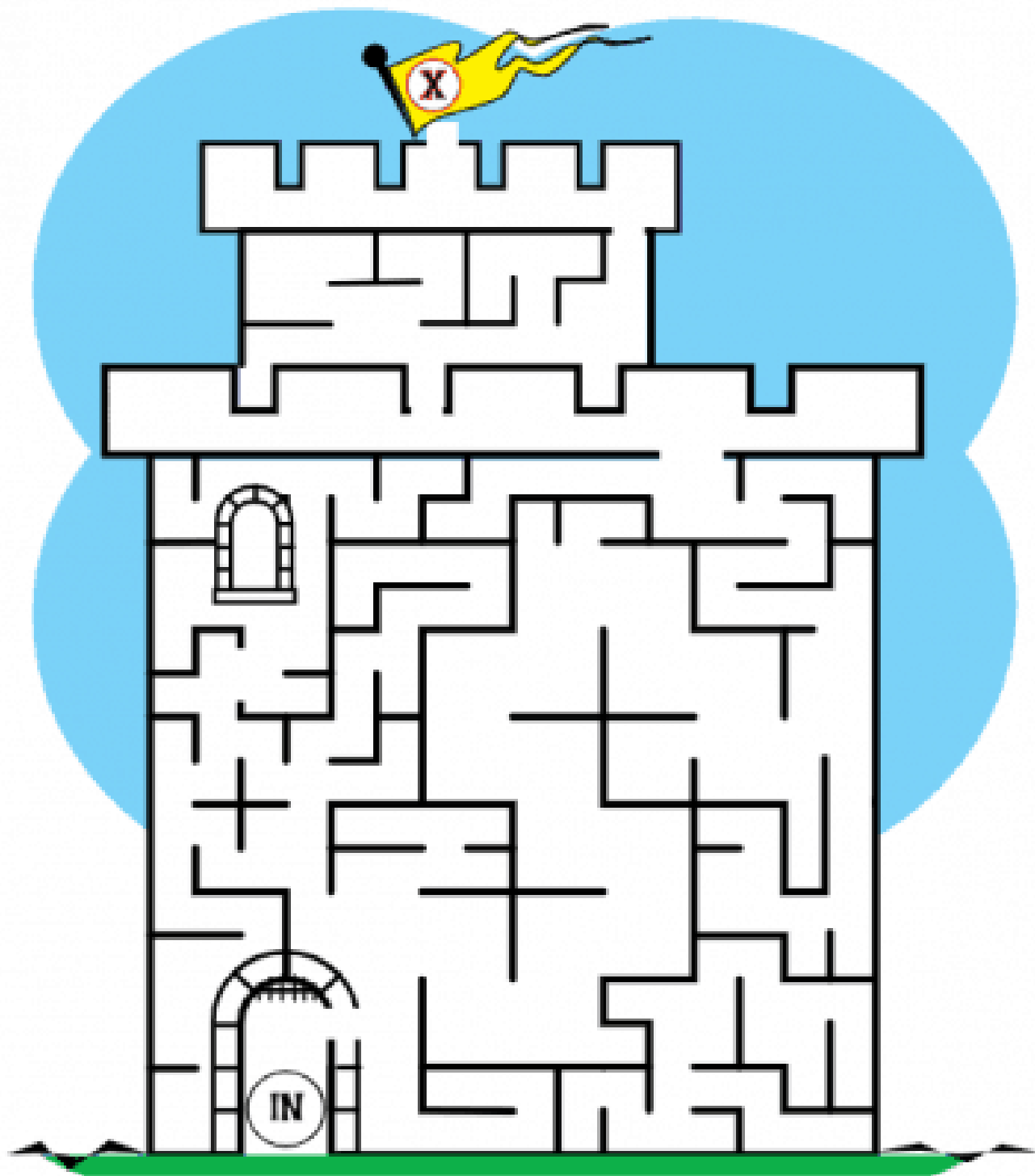


# Jesus Calmed the Storm Connect the Dots



# Walls of Jericho Maze

Find your way through the maze from the entry at bottom to the flag on top.





RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED



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**SOTP BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY/ELDERS**

Sarah Anderson, Secretary 267-2628; Wayne Peterson, 249-3986; Deb Erdmann, 249-4804; David Perleberg, Vice President 360-5147; Wayne Anderson 393-2128; Curt Kvamme Treas. 393-3353; Kyle Hackett, President 266-1700; Bev Gerads 761-1894

Keith Peterson, Church Properties 292-4007

**EXECUTIVE MINISTRY TEAM**

Brenda Hackett – Education & Small Group Team Leader, Keith Hackett - Worship Team Leader, Jen Ollman- Service Team Leader

*In case of church cancellation due to bad weather listen to, 98 COUNTRY 98.1, SPIRIT 92.9, KCLD 104.7, WJON 1240,  
or call the church office and listen to the message.*

**Shepherd of the Pines Mission Statement: Connecting People to God...To Others...and To Service**

The purpose of this congregation is mandated for us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as found in the words of the Great Commission (Matthew 28), namely first of all to Go. To leave our walls of refuge, going into all the world, comprising of our families and neighbors. We plan to achieve our purpose by identifying persons with whom we are particularly well-equipped to serve and reach with the challenge of becoming Disciples of Christ.

Second, to Make Disciples or in the words of St Paul, “To equip the saints” (Ephesians 4:12). This is to be understood as helping people to live the Christian life here on earth. Preparing and encouraging young and old alike to find and to use their God given gifts and abilities for the extension of His Kingdom, and to grow in fervent love for God and for others.

Thirdly, to Baptize as commanded by Jesus Himself. As God reaches down to mankind with His means of grace, He would have us baptize His people, bringing them into His family and Kingdom, granting to them life, forgiveness of sins, and eternal salvation.

And lastly, to continue steadfast in His Word, Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. A continued zeal for the study of His Word, the Bible, is necessary for the growth of any Christian congregation. Thus, the Word of God will be taught and studied in full measure and His Word shall be the rule and norm of this congregation’s faith and life.

To that end, our every effort and energy will be used in motivating, training, and putting to use our time, and talents and treasures to Make Disciples.